



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:30 a.m. EST (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights - Wednesday - June 27, 2001

- ***In the West***, a winter-like storm system is producing cool weather and widespread rainfall in ***northern California and the Northwest***, aiding pastures, immature winter wheat, and spring-sown small grains, and easing demands on already limited irrigation reserves.
- ***On the Plains***, very warm, dry weather continues to promote winter wheat harvesting from ***Kansas southward***, but diminishing soil moisture levels are beginning to stress summer crops, including corn and cotton, in ***Texas*** and adjacent areas. Meanwhile, scattered showers are returning to the ***northern High Plains***, aiding drought-stressed pastures and small grains.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, warm, mostly dry weather favors winter wheat harvesting and corn and soybean development. Corn is beginning to silk across the ***southern Corn Belt***.
- ***In the South***, locally heavy showers continue in ***Florida***, aiding pastures and summer crops, easing citrus irrigation requirements, and further reducing long-term rainfall deficits. Meanwhile, a disturbance is drifting westward across the ***lower Mississippi Valley***, producing beneficial showers.

Outlook: For the remainder of the week, drier weather is forecast to overspread the ***Northwest***, while scattered showers will continue on the ***northern Plains*** and across parts of the ***South***. Warm, mostly dry weather will prevail in the ***south-central U.S.*** Cooler weather is forecast to overspread the ***Northeast*** by week's end. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for July 2-6 calls for a return to hot, mostly dry weather in the ***northern Plains, California, and the Northwest***. Meanwhile, cool, favorably wet weather is forecast to develop across the ***south-central U.S.***, including ***Texas***. In the ***Corn Belt***, conditions are forecast to vary from cool and dry across northern areas to very warm and showery in the southern portion of the region. In the ***Southeast***, abundant showers will help to offset the effects of above-normal temperatures.

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